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CONTRAST OR MODULATION-CONTRAST OBSERVATION ON MICROSCOPES

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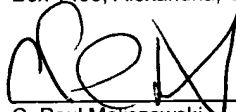
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This is a reply to the Final Office Action dated October 4, 2005 and the Examiner's Answer dated April 28, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's Answer was in response to a Brief on Appeal filed March 8, 2006. This reply is the submittal for a Request for Continued Examination, filed this same day.

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